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In re Application of :  
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Serial No. 09/848,556 :  
Filed: May 3, 2001 :  
Title: Methods of Performing Procedures In :  
The Spine :

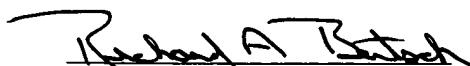
NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL  
FROM ISSUE  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.313(b)

The purpose of this communication is to inform you that the above-identified application is being withdrawn from issue pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.313.

The application is being withdrawn to permit reopening of prosecution due to unpatentability of one or more claims.

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The application is being forwarded to the Examiner for action.

  
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